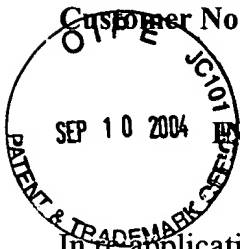


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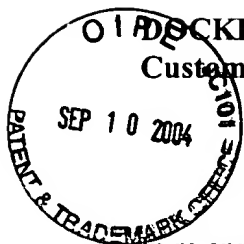
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time for filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Office Action. The response period is presently set to expire on August 6, 2004, and if this Request for Extension of Time is granted, the new response date will be September 6, 2004.

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED |                                            |     |                                              |                                          | LARGE ENTITY                               |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
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| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS   | 23                                         | -   | 20                                           | 3                                        | X 18.00 =                                  | \$54.00                  |
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- X A check in the amount of \$140.00 is attached.
- X A check in the amount of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time is attached.
- X Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

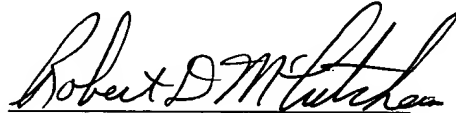
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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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